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In re Application of
ARTHUR I. SKOULTCHI
Serial No. 08/102,390
Filed: August 5, 1993
For: PRODUCTION OF PROTEINS USING
HOMOLOGOUS RECOMBINATION

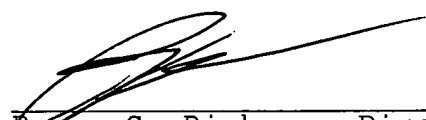
Applicant's petition filed December 29, 1994, requests that this application be rendered special for examination purposes based on actual or current infringement (MPEP 708.02 (II)) or alternatively on the basis that the disclosed invention relates to the safety of research in the field of recombinant DNA (MPEP 708.02 (VII)).

The petition and the evidence submitted therewith has been reviewed and it is found to be in compliance with the category of special cases entitled "Accelerated Examination" as set forth in Section 708.02(VII) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

Since the application is being rendered special for examination purposes as relating to the safety of research in recombinant DNA, it is not necessary to consider the issue of actual or current infringement.

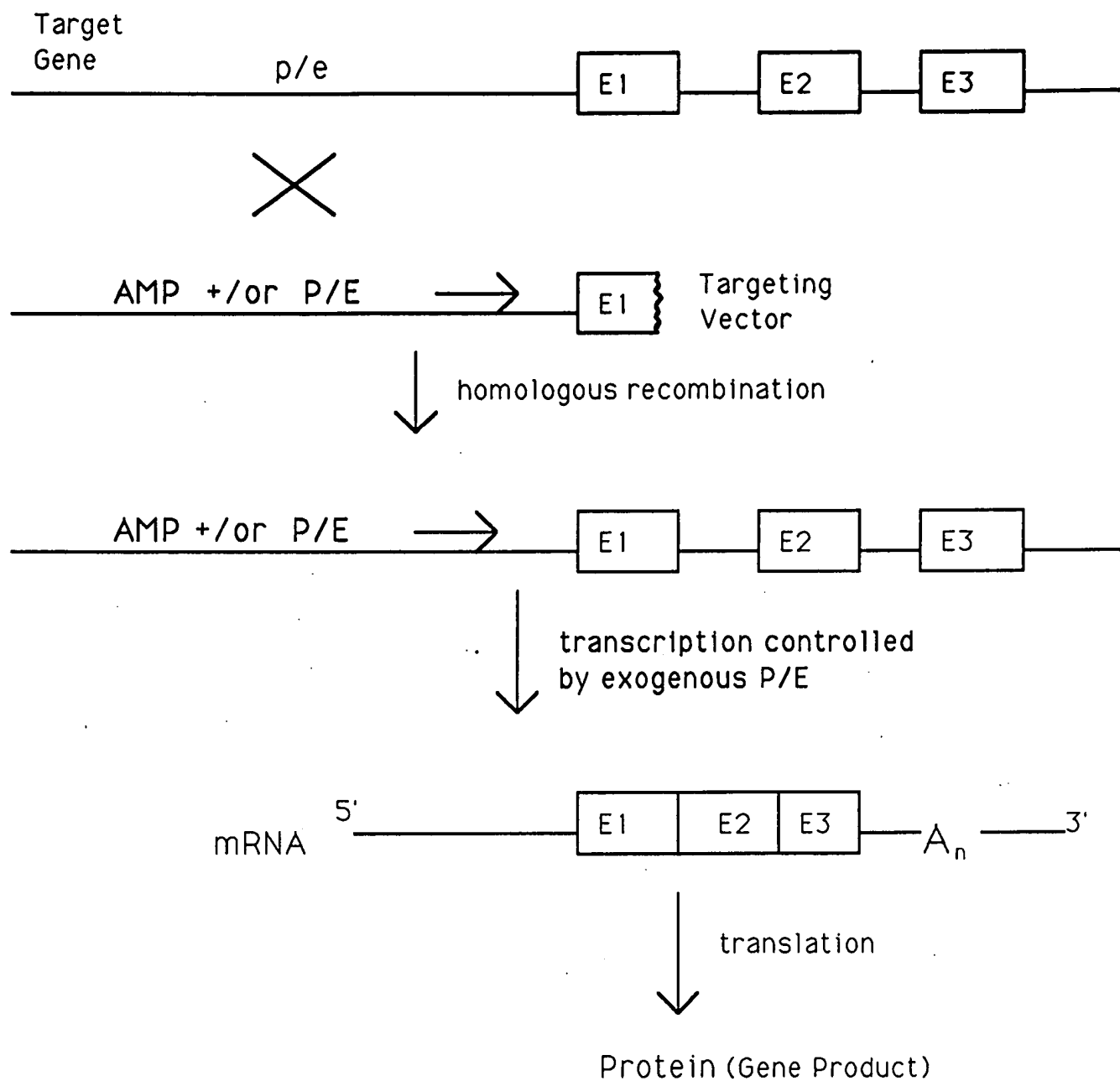
Subject alone to diligent prosecution by the applicants, this application will continue to be treated special throughout the entire prosecution in the Patent and Trademark Office.

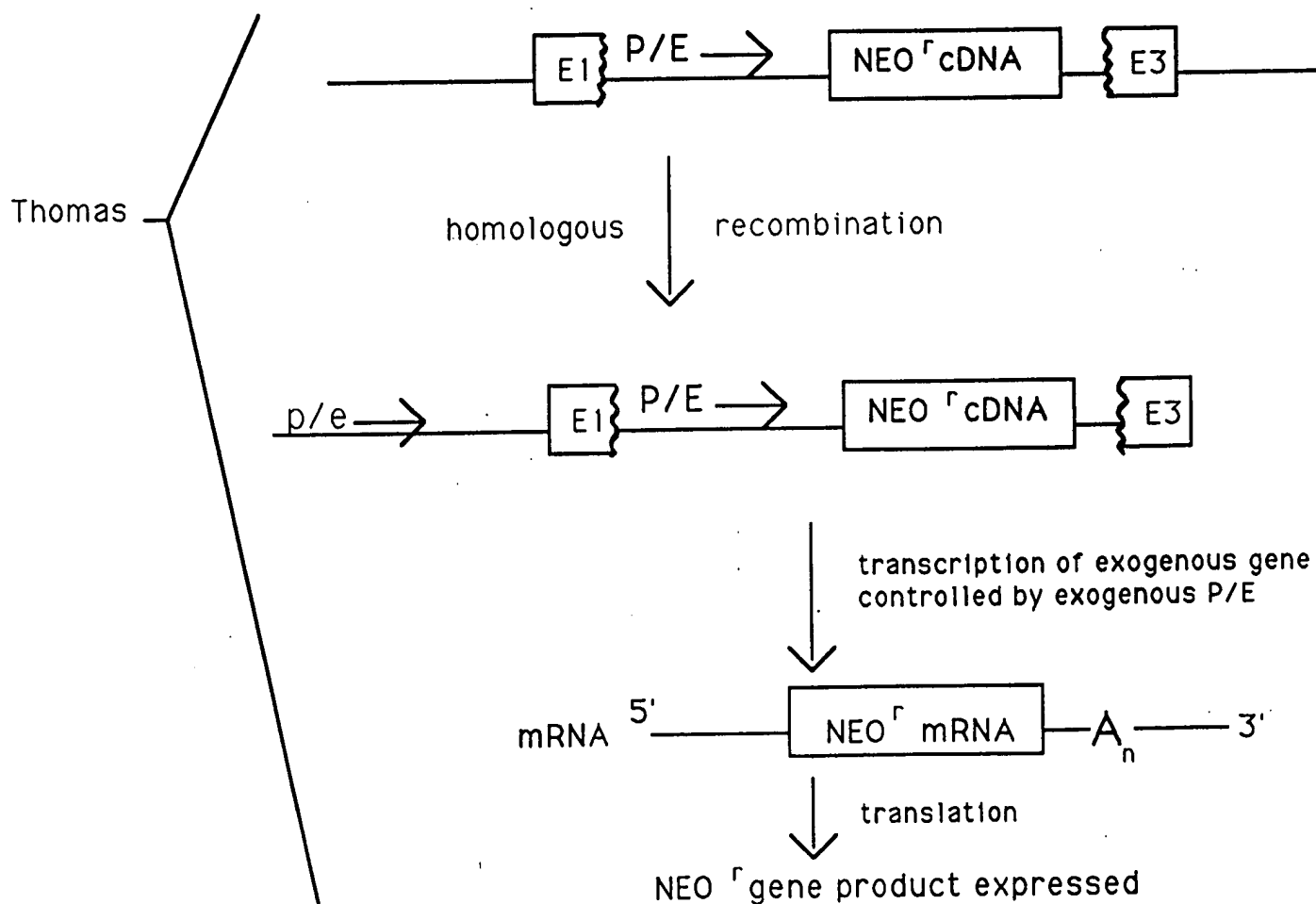
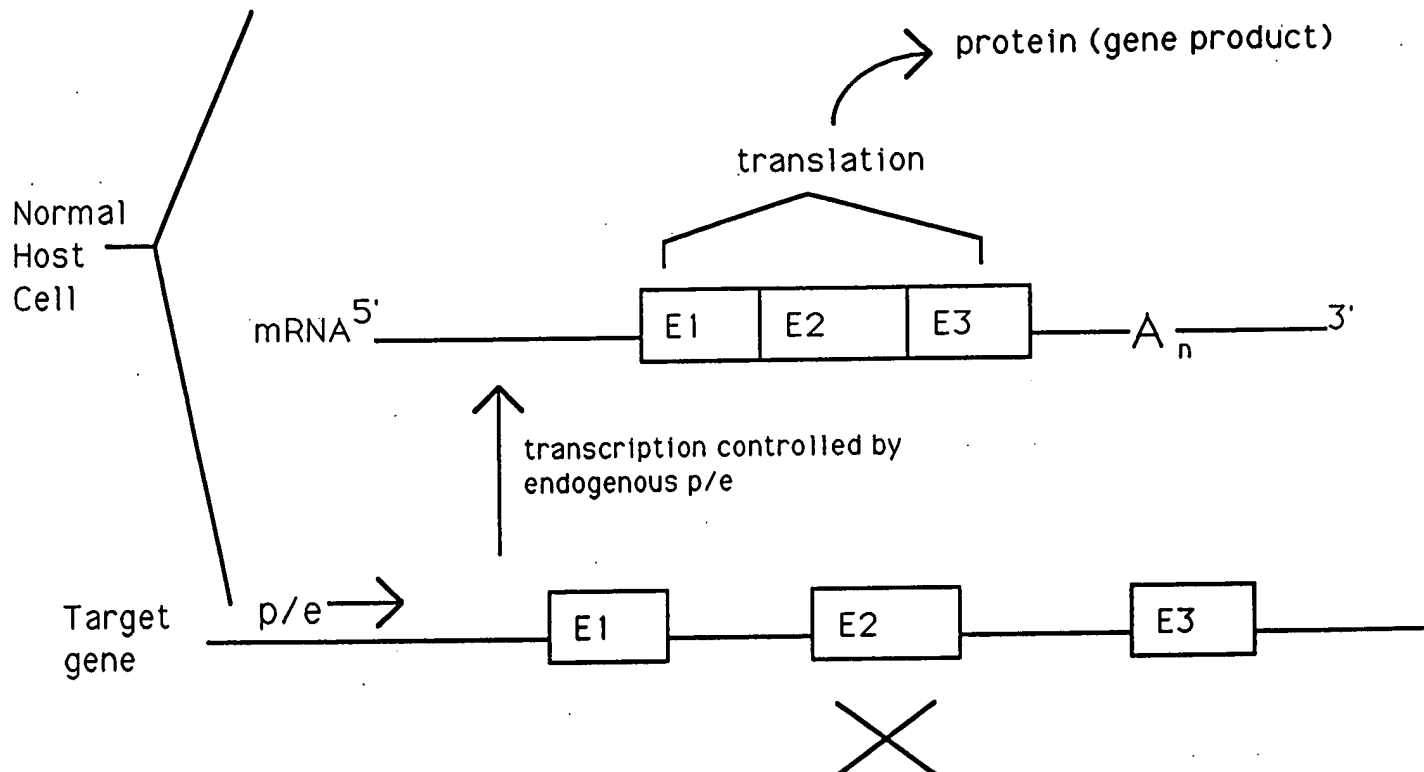
The Petition is Granted.


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The Invention





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